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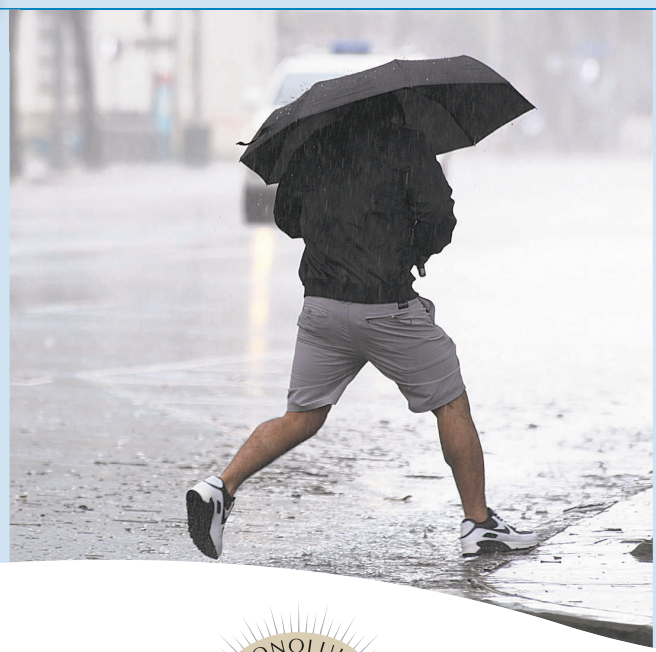

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3 MORE CASES ANNOUNCED

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Two on Oahu are a Kapiolani hospital worker and Kualoa guide, and the other is a Maui visitor

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The number of coronavirus cases in Hawaii is climbing with 10 people now having tested positive, including a Kualoa Ranch tour guide with no recent travel history and a Kapiolani hospital staffer.

State health officials announced Monday three new COVID-19 cases: two Oahu residents and a visitor on Maui. The Department of Health is monitoring the individuals in isolation, as well as their family members, who are in self-quarantine.

"Though we are seeing an increased number of cases in Hawaii, we still have no evidence of widespread community transmission (infections not linked to recent travel)," said Health Director Bruce Anderson. "We still need to be vigilant in protecting the community. We're going to be taking strong measures to prevent transmission in the community."

A health care worker at Kapiolani Medical Center for Woman & Children is among the three newly confirmed cases. The Oahu resident recently traveled with a partner to Las Vegas.

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Isle restaurants in survival mode and scrambling to avoid closure

By Betty Shimabukuro
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For Hawaii's restaurateurs, these last few weeks have been a day-to-day struggle to stay on an even keel.

"We really feel we're sailing our ship alone through uncharted waters," Peter Merriman, owner of four Merriman's statewide and a partner in five other restaurants, said Monday.

One of Oahu's highest-profile restaurant owners, Ed Kenney, is closing his Kaimuki restaurants — Town, Mud Hen Water and Kaimuki Superette — plus his catering company, UPtown Events, indefinitely. The restaurants employ about 50 workers.

"We hope to be back in a month, but I don't know," Kenney said. "I feel it's irresponsible to open a space where people can congregate and spread the virus."

Kenney has a consulting agreement with Hoshino Resorts for Mahina & Sun's restaurant in the Surfjack Hotel in Waikiki. He said he is in discussions with Hoshino about how to proceed.

Merriman and Roy Yamaguchi, owner of

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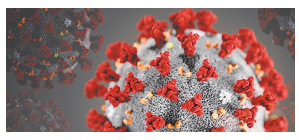

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Ala Moana Center has cut its hours drastically. Above, diners ate their food Monday inside the Makai Marketplace food court at the mall.

Outbreak could extend into summer, Trump warns

President Donald Trump urged the public not to gather in groups of over 10 Monday during a news conference at the White House.

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By Katie Rogers and Emily Cochrane
New York Times

WASHINGTON >> President Donald Trump, under pressure to take more significant steps to slow the spreading coronavirus, recommended Monday that Americans stop unnecessary travel and avoid bars, restaurants and groups of more than 10 people, as he warned that the outbreak could extend well into the summer.

The national guidelines, which also advise homeschooling and the curtailing of visits to nursing homes and long-term care facilities, are the most robust response so far from the Trump administration. But the guidelines, which officials described as a trial set, are not mandatory and fall short of a national quarantine and internal travel restrictions, which many health officials had urged.

And they do not reflect the urgency of actions taken

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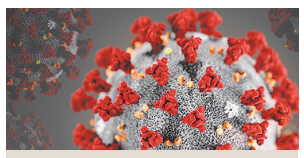

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Persons testing negative	86
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